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THE NEW PLAYS

"Bunker Bean"
Scores a Real Hit.

BY CHARLES DARNTON

Our old friend Bertie, the lamb, came back last night as Bunker Bean and put a plateful of fun before the audience at the Astor Theatre. Quite unintentionally, I dare say, Lee Wilson Dodd has made a really new "Henrietta" from Harry Lee Wilson's story.

son. The main point is that "His Majesty Bunker Bean" scored a real hit—a hit that should place it door-to-door in popularity with "Turn to the Right" at the Gaiety.

Fresh, youthful and wholesome, "Bunker Bean," with apologies to "His Majesty," makes friends and rouses laughter from the first curtain to the last. In a word, it is entertaining, if it lets down a bit in the third act, it picks up again at the end, so that from first to last it creates a glow of good nature—and this means everything to a comedy or, if you care to call it so, a farce.

To begin with, a good idea is embodied in Bunker, the youth who "takes a letter" dictated at full speed by the stock broker and hits up the typewriter at an equally amazing pace. Bunker is amazingly efficient, yet he has no confidence in himself until he goes to a psychic fater (the programme mentions the place of

revelation as a "physic parlor") and is told that he is the reincarnation of an ancient Egyptian king. Meanwhile he has fallen heir to \$10,000, together with shares of stock in an enterprise promoted by the firm that is paying him \$15 a week. Naturally, he changes from a diffident wage-earner to the proud owner of a jaunty that he believes to be his earlier self, and at the same time works up sufficient courage, with the aid of two or three drinks of gin, to marry in necessary haste the attractive young daughter of old "Pops."

First in a bawling manner of his role, and then with more assurance, Taylor Holmes gave a thoroughly amusing performance. His artistic sense saved him from making the change in Bunker seem too violent for belief. Even after he had clasped the hand of "the greatest left-handed pitcher the world has ever known" and made baseball a family game, as it were, Mr. Holmes threw out his chest with comparative modesty. In short, he was never obvious. He acted always with both skill and humor, and established himself as a light comedian of the first rank.

In the role of "the flapper" who captured Bunker without the least resistance on his part, Florence Shirley combined charm with cleverness. She won her audience heart and sole when she set the phonograph going in Bunker's apartment and fox-trotted with a somewhat hesitating step to the door of the closet in which the "mummy" was hidden. When this weird contrivance fell into her arms and its head rolled off, a novel and funny situation was carried off simply and effectively by this engaging young actress. Miss Shirley and Mr. Holmes scored a laughable "hit" a few moments later when another door was suddenly opened and the young lovers fell flat on the floor.

As the irascible "Pops" who was forever saying "Take a letter!" Charles Abbe added greatly to the fun of the performance. Lillian Lawrence was most "advanced" as Grand-ma, who smoked a cigarette without turning a hair of her gray wig. Grace Peters loomed up impressively as the "Countess" who felt the need of a bottle of beer after exercising her psychic powers; Robert Kelly made the social errors of the baseball pitcher count to his credit, and the other members of the company did good work.

"His Majesty Bunker Bean" is a refreshingly entertaining comedy, full of American spirit, and capably acted. It's sure to make you laugh, honestly and heartily.



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In the play many of the lovable characters created by the poet reappeared, such as the Raggedy Man, Jim, Doc Sifers and Orphan Annie. An interesting incident was the presence in the audience of Mrs. Wesley Gray, who, as a child, was the poet's inspiration for the character of Orphan Annie.

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